

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
GREENEVILLE DIVISION**

MICHAEL B. REED, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00201

BRITTANY ADKINS, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00310

BRITTANY N. HYRE ANCULLE, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00308

JAMES CARL VANCE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00283

JACKIE SUE BARNES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00296

PAUL W. ABBOTT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:20-cv-00149

ALLSTATE FIRE AND CAS. INS. CO.,

*et al.*,

No. 3:19-cv-00474

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

AMERICAN RELIABLE INS. CO.,

*et al.*,

No. 3:19-cv-00469

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

STATE FARM FIRE & CAS. CO.,  
*et al.*,

No. 3:19-cv-00470

Plaintiffs,  
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE  
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

No. 3:19-cv-00472

Plaintiffs,  
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

AUTO-OWNERS INS. CO., *et al.*,

No. 3:19-cv-00478

Plaintiffs,  
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

**JOINT MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

The parties to the above-captioned actions request a status conference with the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(a).<sup>1</sup>

The Plaintiffs consist of individuals and insurance carriers who seek damages under the

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<sup>1</sup> Scott Tegler, executor of the Estates of John C. Tegler and Marilyn F. Tegler, is a plaintiff in *Reed v. USA*, 3:18-cv-201. His counsel, Gordon Ball, did not respond to communication from counsel for the United States regarding Plaintiff Tegler's agreement to the motion for joint status conference.

Federal Tort Claims Act (“FTCA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b), 2671, *et seq.*, for personal injuries and property damage allegedly caused by the Chimney Tops 2 Fire. Their claims were consolidated for resolution by this Court and ultimately stayed pending resolution of two different appeals to the Sixth Circuit. *See Amer. Reliable Ins. Co.*, No. 3:19-cv-00469, ECF No. 143 (ordering Clerk to “stay this action pending the resolution of these parties’ appeals and Individual Plaintiffs’ appeals” in *Abbott v. United States*, Nos. 22-5513, etc. (6th Cir. 2022)).

The Sixth Circuit has now resolved each of these appeals and remanded to this Court for further proceedings. *See* Oct. 10, 2023 mandate in *Abbott v. United States*, Nos. 22-5513, etc. (6th Cir. 2022); Sept. 19, 2024 mandate in *Amer. Reliable Ins. Co.*, Nos. 22-6014, etc. (6th Cir. 2022).

The parties, therefore, respectfully request the Court set a status conference to address the course of litigation in these actions on remand. If ordered by the Court in anticipation of a status conference, the parties are prepared to submit a joint proposal or, if the parties disagree, separate proposals regarding the scope and sequencing of litigation.

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